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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, MAY 7, FROM BOGOTA RPTD

TO YOU:

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BOGOTA 4209

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN REFUGEES

REF A) STATE 104895 B) BOGOTA 3614 C) BOGOTA 3510

1. CAMBODIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS HAVE,
THROUGH CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR VUTTHI, CONTACTED AND REGISTERED
WITH BOGOTA OFFICE OF ICEM AND UNHCR ON MAY 2. BOTH OFFICES
HAVE GIVEN CAMBODIANS LITTLE OR NO HOPE OF BEING ABLE TO ARRANGE
FOR THEIR RESETTLEMENT LOCALLY. UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE CONFIRMED
TO THE EMBASSY THAT HE TOLD VUTTHI BEST HOPE FOR RESETTLEMENT
IS TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S.", "WHERE ALL THE INTERNATIONAL AND
VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAVE THEIR HEADQUARTERS". HE POINTS OUT
THAT UNHCR HAS STILL NOT BEEN ABLE TO RESETTLE 400
CHILEAN REFUGEES PRESENT IN COLOMBIA, WHO WOULD BE MUCH
EASIER TO PLACE THAN THE CAMBODIANS. HE TOLD VUTTHI THAT THE
SOONER THE CAMBODIANS CAN GO THE U.S. THE BETTER "BEFORE
THE VIETNAMESE TAKE UP THE AVAILABLE JOBS". IN THE U.S. AND
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ELSEWHERE, ICEM RESPONSE TO VUTTHI WAS ALSO NOT

HELPFUL. THEIR ROLE HERE APPEARS TO BE LIMITED TO
HELPING WITH TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND RELATED DETAILS.
2.CAMBODIANS HERE HAVE THUS EXHAUSTED LOCAL POSSI-
BILITIES FOR RESETTLEMENT. ICEM AND UNHCR BELIEVE
THAT WHILE THEY CONTINUE IN BOGOTA THEY ARE OUT OF
THE MAINSTREAM WITH REGARD TO RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES.
THE EMBASSY CONCURS IN THIS JUDGMENT AND RECOMMENDS
THAT THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THEM
TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. IN PAROLE OR ASYLEE STATUS. DUE
TO A BENIGN INTERPRETATION BY THE GOC OF LOCAL LAW THEY
WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO SELL MOST OR ALL OF THEIR AUTO-
MOBILES AND WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES UPON ARRIVAL
IN THE U.S. TO BE ECONOMICALLY SELF SUFFICIENT FOR SOME
TIME.
3. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED 2 FAM 227 REQUESTED IN
REF C. VAKY UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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